

**EPA No Longer Requires Emissions Offsets for Construction Emissions for OCS Wind Energy Projects-** On October 20, 2021, EPA R1 reopened the public comment period on the revised draft permit for South Fork, an OCS Wind Energy Project (WEP) offshore MA, for the purpose of removing the requirement that the facility obtains emissions credits to offsets the thousands of tons of non-attainment air pollutants that result during construction of the OCS WEP. This new policy of no longer requiring offsets for the construction emissions of the OCS WEPs was established by HQ. The public comment period for South Fork ended December 6, 2021 and R1 received supportive comments about not requiring offsets for construction emissions.

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1/12/2022, ARD was assigned a controlled correspondence that was sent to Administrator Regan for a response on behalf of EPA. Ms. Gouri Edlich, a Chairwoman of the Citizens for the Preservation of Wainscott (CPW) voices her concerns about the South Fork wind project transmission cable that transmits energy from the South Fork WEP to the substation through a residential community in East Hampton, NY and EPA's proposal to not require ERC to offset the construction phase emissions of WEP. ARD forwarded the correspondence to R1 for a coordinated response. A meeting with OAQPS, OGC, R1 and R2 is scheduled for 1/13/2022 to discuss this coordination effort. (Contact: Viorica Petriman x 4021)

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**Status of OCS Air Permits for the OCS Wind Energy Projects Offshore NJ and NY – Ocean Wind WEP,** will be located at about 15 miles east of Atlantic City, NJ. It will comprise of about 98 wind turbines (WT), and 3 offshore substations (OS), and is expected to generate about 1,000 MW. Ocean Wind submitted EPA R2 its Notice of Intent (NOI) to submit an OCS air application on 9/14/2021. An initial OCS air application is expected by 3/29/2022, and the final permit is anticipated to be issued by 6/29/2023.

**Atlantic Shores WEP,** will be located at about 12 miles east of Atlantic City, NJ, will comprise of about 230 WT, 10 OS, and is expected to generate about 2,800 MW. Atlantic Shores submitted EPA R2 received its NOI on 12/22/2021. An initial OCS air application is expected by 6/1/2022, and the final permit is anticipated to be issued by 12/23/2023.

**Empire Wind WEP,** will be located at about 14 miles south east of Long Island, NY and 19.5 miles east of Long Branch, NJ. It will comprise of about 174 WT and 2 OS, and is expected to generate about 2,100 MW. Empire Wind is expected to submit to EPA R2 its NOI on 3/10/2022.

An initial OCS air application is expected by 6/10/2022 , and the final permit is anticipated to be issued by 9/8/2023.  
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**Commented [CS1]:** This is earlier than the permit issuance date for Atlantic Shores when they both have the same application date of 6/2022